Portland, OR — The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) President Deb Callahan will join Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) in Portland on Monday, March 22 for a series of events focused on the environment. The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) is the political voice of the national environmental movement and the only organization devoted full-time promoting an environmentally friendly Congress and White House.

"Deb Callahan is no just one of the top political strategists in the country, she is one of the top environmental leaders in the world," said Blumenauer (D-Ore.). "This is a wonderful opportunity for Oregonians to hear from a veteran player about what's at stake for the environment at a critical time for the nation. Over the next six months, the environment will be a key issue in the presidential race and is an issue about which Oregonians care deeply."

LCV's produces an annual <u>National Environmental Scorecard</u> and Presidential Report Card, the authoritative record of how members of Congress and the Administration handle the most important environmental issues before them. The Scorecard and Report Card hold our federal elected officials accountable, preventing anti-environment candidates from masking their records with pro-environment rhetoric.

Blumenauer has played a key role in Congress fighting the Bush Administration's systematic efforts to roll back our nation's environmental laws. Blumenauer and Callahan will highlight these efforts at a conference at Portland State University on the state of the environment in Oregon and nationally. In the afternoon, Callahan and Blumenauer will meet with students at the University of Portland.

To follow is Callahan and Blumenauer's public schedule for Monday, March 22:

8:30-10:30 AM Oregon Environmental Conference with Deb Callahan Portland State University, Smith Center 1825 SW Broadway, Room 327-329

10:30-11:00 AM Press Availability Portland State University, Smith Center 1825 SW Broadway, Room 327-329

3:00-4:30 PM University of Portland Mago Hunt Recital Hall Portland Students Forum with Deb Callahan